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Form BC 126  
June 1954 #4583

## BROADCASTING STATION LICENSE RECORD

Date first licensed 1-5-67

Call letters W.C.A.B.

Station location Rutherfordton, N. C.

~~ISOTHERMAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC. (AL 10-13-67 EFF: 10-16-67)~~

Name of licensee XCLAYTON SPARKS

On U.S. #64, 1.7 mi. NE of city limits, Rutherfordton, N.C. (BP 12-15-67)  
Transmitter location X State Rd. 1538, 0.1 mi. NE of US 74, Rutherfordton, N.C. (BP 4-21-66)

State Rd. 1538, 0.1 mi NE of US 74, Rutherfordton, N.C.

Main studio location Same as transmitter

# CONSTRUCTION PERMIT AND LICENSE RECORD

Appl. No.	Date Issued	Freq.	Power	Time Div.	Period From-- To
BP-16667	4-21-66	1520kc	250w	Day	6-21 12-21-66
CP for a new standard broadcast station (Cond'l)					
BP-16667 (1)	6-24-66	Mod. of	CP(BP-16667)	to assign Call	Letters.
BL-11,484	1-5-67	1520kc	250w	Day	1-5 12-1-69
Lic to cover CP(BP-16,667) which auth a new standard broadcast station.					
BAL-6191	10-31-67	Voluntary assignment of license.			
BP-17683	12-15-67	590kc	500w	Day	2-15 8-15-68
CP to change freq., chg. ant.-trans. loc., with remote control from studio loc., & install new trans. (Cond'l).					
PSA	8-20-68	500w			
BL-12,061 (L)Cond'l.	8-29-68	Lic. (BP-17,683)	for chgs.		12-1-69
BR-4583 (S)	11-26-69	RENEWAL OF LIC.			12-1-72
BTC-6712	11-30-71	VOL. transfer of positive TC 12-20-71			
EBSA	6-12-72				
BR-4583 (S)	12-6-72	Renewal			12-1-75
BR-4583(L)	11-19-75		RENEWAL		12-1-78
BR 780728	11-28-78	(S)	REN. OF LIC.		12-1-81

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

Call  
Letters ~~NEW~~ W.C.A.B.Name Clayton Sparks  
Rutherfordton, North Carolina (PO Box 484, Spindale, North Carolina) 48160

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-16,667 P. & F.	3-25-65 3-26-65	CP for a new standard broadcast station to be operated on: Frequency: 1520kc Power: 250w Hours of operation: Daytime Type transmitter: Gates BC-250GY Trans. location: State Road 1530, 0.1 mi. NE of US 74, Rutherfordton, N.C. Studio location: Same as transmitter  Atty: Prince & Paul (Vincent J. Curtis, Jr.) Engr: Palmer A. Greer	GRANTED Cond'l re: operation.	4-21-66 Pre-sunrise
BL-11,484 Rec'd Filed	9/24/66 9/26/66 10/17/66	Lic. to cover CP (BP-16,667) which auth. a new standard broadcast station.  Atty: R. R. Paul Engr: B. S. Anderson,	GRANTED	1-5-67

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

AUG. 1955

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Letters W.C.B.

ISOTHERMAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.

Name X CLAYTON SPARKS  
RUTHERFORDTON, NORTH CAROLINA

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BP-17,683 Recd Filed	3-29-67 3-30-67 3-30-67	CP to change frequency from 1520kc to 500kc increase power from 250w to 500w; change ant-trans. loc. to On US #64, 1.2 mi. NE of city limits, Rutherfordton, N.C., with remote control from studio location, & install new trans. (GATES BC-500G).	GRANTED Cond'l re: Any pre-sunrise oper. must conform with Sects. 73.87 and 73.99 of the Rules.	12-15-67
AMENDMENT R & F	10-31-67 11-9-67	Attys-Prince & Paul Engers-Palmer A. Greer, Greenville, S.C. AMENDED to change applicant's name to ISOTHERMAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.		
BAL-6191 R & F (Form 316)	9-11-67 10-11-67	Voluntary assignment of license to ISOTHERMAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  Att - Roy Paul	GRANTED EFF:	10-12-67 10-16-67

CONTACT: CLAYTON SPARKS  
PHONE: CODE 704; 287-3356  
ADDRESS: WHITESIDE ROAD  
RUTHERFORDTON, N. C.

FORM BC-121 #3

Aug. 1955

## APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

590kc

Call  
Letters W C A BName ISOTHERMAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.  
Rutherfordton, North Carolina

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BL-12,061 Rec'd #443640 \$30 Amended Filed PT	6/17/68 7/1/68 7/12/68 7/25/68 7/25/68 8/2/68	License (BP-17,683) for changes. Atty: Ray R. Paul Engr: Clyde T. Beeler, Candler, N.C. Re engr. data.	GRANTED (Cond'l. Pre-sunrise)	8-29-68
BL-1583 R & F #38567 \$75. P.M. filed PRESS	8-25-69 8-27-69 8-27-69 8-27-69 OCT 13 1969	Renewal of license AMENDED 11-10-69 re: programming	GRANTED	11-26-69
BTC-6712 R & F FEE PD: \$250 #017060 CODE 053 (Form 316)	10-28-71 11-4-71	Voluntary transfer of positive control of lic corp from Clayton Sparks to Charles R. Melton	GRANTED EFF:	11-30-71 12-20-71

# APPLICATION RECORD - BROADCASTING

Call  
Letters **W C A B**

Name **ISOTHERMAL BROADCASTING COMPANY, INC.**  
**Rutherfordton, North Carolina**

File No.	Dated	Application for	Action	
			Nature	Date
BR-4583 R & F PN PRESSEP	8-21-72 8-28-72 8-28-72	Renewal of License AMENDED 11-13-72 re: commercial policy	Granted	12-6-72
BR-4583 R & F PN Recd. PRESS	7-15-75 7-17-75 " JUL 25 1975	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-19-75
BR780728UJ R & F PRESS	7-25-78 7-28-78 AUG 11 1978	RENEWAL OF LICENSE	GRANTED	11-28-78

## About the History Cards ...

History Cards were first used by the Department of Commerce to keep track of applications filed by, and changes to, the earliest AM broadcast stations in the early 1920s. The records were subsequently transferred to the Federal Radio Commission in 1927, and after that to the Federal Communications Commission when that agency was created in 1934. These cards gradually grew into a large card file. History Cards remained in use until the creation of the first computerized database in 1980 to track broadcast applications, the Broadcast Application Processing System (BAPS). However, the Commission did not transfer the data from the History Cards to the new system. Instead, it retained the History Cards in their original form – 3" by 5" filing cards – for reference.

In 1999, the Commission moved to a new location (445 12<sup>th</sup> Street SW), and also at that time created the successor database to BAPS, the Consolidated DataBase System (CDBS). The History Cards were transferred to microfiche by a contractor (only one set is known to exist), and the original paper cards were destroyed. The History Cards were stored on the microfiche as negative images, like those you see above. Generally, they have been left as negatives as those are often easier to read.

History Cards contain very brief entries and notes about station facilities, applications, and ownership. They are not, and never were intended to be, a comprehensive record of a station's operations. Nevertheless, they can be useful to help determine, for example, when a station first went on the air and its call letters at that time. History Card comments were generally typed onto the cards, and thus some records will show more faintly or with more smudging than others, depending on the quality of typewriter and ribbon then used. Occasional handwritten comments, corrections, and strikeouts may also be found. Cards may be incomplete, missing, or occasionally out of sequence.

The History Cards are presented here as they were copied to microfiche, to preserve this record for public use, and with the hope that they will be of value to future researchers of radio station history.

